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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned for a three-month extension of time, through and including June 24, 1999, to respond to the non-final Office Action of December 24, 1998. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Enclosed is a check for \$1,224.00, including \$870.00 for the extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to debit account No. 11-0855 for any deficiency in the enclosed fee and for any other fees due as a consequence of filing this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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